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Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A fly fishing rod including a rod shaft, a handgrip and adapted for removably connecting a reel to said handgrip by means of a hollow cylindrical reel seat, said fly fishing rod also comprising a rod shaft, said handgrip disposed at an inner end of said rod shaft, said rod shaft having a portion extending past said handgrip for allowing a so as to mount said reel to be removably mounted thereon through said reel seat, distanced rearwardly of from said handgrip, wherein said fly fishing rod comprises a sleeve like adapter engaged over said shaft portion and/or a part of said handgrip, said adapter being formed with an engaging locking means, and said a hollow cylindrical reel seat adapted to receive the reel, said reel seat being slidable over said adapter and formed with an engageable member arranged to be engaged by said engaging locking means for releasably connecting said reel seat to said handgrip rod shaft with said reel seat holding the reel, and to be removed thereon therefrom as a single unit with the reel by disengaging said engageable member from said engaging locking means, thereby making it possible allowing to dispose said reel and said reel seat away from to be mounted to and dismounted from said fly fishing rod shaft.

2. (original) The fly fishing rod according to claim 1, wherein said engageable member comprises a stud formed inwardly of said cylindrical reel seat.

3. (currently amended) The fly fishing rod according to claim 2, wherein said engaging locking means of said adapter is in the form of a groove shaped to receive said stud.

4. (original) The fly fishing rod according to claim 3, wherein said groove has a longitudinal portion followed by a transversal portion, so that when sliding said reel seat over said sleeve like adapter said stud advances through said longitudinal portion until reaching said transversal portion when said reel seat is rotated to cause said stud to engage said transversal portion thereby locking said reel seat to said adapter.

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5. (original) The fly fishing rod according to claim 4, wherein said transversal portion is adapted to lock said stud therein by friction means.

6. (currently amended) The fly fishing rod according to claim 1, which comprises handle means associated with said reel seat to rotate the latter for locking or unlocking same relative to said adapter and manipulated to dispose it when removed from the rod shaft away from said fly fishing rod.

7. (currently amended) The fly fishing rod according to claim 6, wherein said handle means is wing shaped and laterally positioned relatively to said fishing rod shaft when the reel seat is mounted thereto.

8. (original) The fly fishing rod according to claim 7 wherein said wing shaped handle means is unitary with said stud.

9. (original) The fly fishing rod according to claim 1, wherein said sleeve like adapter comprises at least one adherence device for adherence purpose.

10. (new) A kit for mounting a reel to a fly fishing rod having a rod shaft, comprising:

a sleeve-like adapter engageable over the rod shaft and having an engaging locking means; and

a reel seat slidable over said adapter and having an engageable member adapted to be engaged with the engageable locking means when mounting the reel seat to the adapter, the reel seat being adapted to mount the reel thereto thereby allowing the reel to be engaged to and removed from the rod shaft by respectively engaging and disengaging the reel seat to the adapter.

11. (new) A kit according to claim 11, wherein the fly fishing rod has a handgrip mounted to the rod shaft, the rod shaft extending frontwardly and rearwardly from the handgrip, the adapter being engageable to the section extending rearwardly of the handgrip.

12. (new) A kit according to claim 11, wherein the engageable member comprises a stud formed inwardly of the cylindrical reel seat.

13. (new) A kit according to claim 12, wherein the engaging locking means of said adapter is a groove shaped to receive said stud.

14. (new) A kit according to claim 13, wherein said groove has a longitudinal portion followed by a transversal portion, so that when sliding said reel seat over said sleeve like adapter said stud advances through said longitudinal portion until reaching said transversal portion when said reel seat is rotated to cause said stud to engage said transversal portion thereby locking said reel seat to said adapter.

15. (new) A kit according to claim 14, wherein said transversal portion is adapted to lock said stud therein by friction means.

16. (new) A kit according to claim 11, which comprises handle means associated with said reel seat to rotate the latter for locking or unlocking the reel seat to said adapter and manipulate it when removed from the rod shaft.

17. (new) A kit according to claim 16, wherein said handle means is wing shaped and laterally positioned relatively to said rod shaft when the reel seat is mounted thereto.

18. (new) A kit according to claim 17, wherein said wing shaped handle means is unitary with said stud.

19. (new) A kit according to claim 11, wherein said sleeve like adapter comprises at least one adherence device for adherence purpose.

20. (new) A fly fishing rod including a rod shaft; a handgrip disposed at an inner end of said rod shaft, said rod shaft having a portion extending past said handgrip for allowing a reel to be removably mounted thereto, distanced rearwardly from said handgrip; a sleeve like adapter secured over said shaft portion, said adapter being formed with an engaging locking means; and a hollow cylindrical reel seat adapted to receive the reel, said reel seat slidable over said adapter and formed with an engageable member arranged to be engaged by said engaging locking means for releasably connecting said reel seat to said adapter with said reel seat holding the reel and to be removed therefrom as a single unit with the reel by disengaging said engageable member from said engaging locking means, thereby allowing said reel and said reel seat to be mounted to and dismounted from said adapter.

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